

## Message Text

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PASS AGRICULTURE ELECTRONICALLY  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAGR, EEC  
SUBJ: EC POSITION ON BEEF IN THE MTN

REF: BRUSSELS 11751

1. IN A RECENT DISCUSSION WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION TO THE EC, THE AUSTRALIANS ONCE AGAIN NOTED THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE REFUSAL OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THEIR REQUESTS ON A BILATERAL BASIS. THE OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT OUT OF 30 ISSUES BROUGHT UP BY THE AUSTRALIANS DURING THE JUNE 8-9TH MEETING (REFTEL), THE COMMISSION HAD INSISTED THAT 28 COULD ONLY BE DISCUSSED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE MTN. AS AN EXAMPLE OF AN ISSUE WHICH COULD BE DISCUSSED OUTSIDE THE MTN CONTEXT, PREFIXING OF THE LEVY ON BEEF WAS CITED.

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2. THE OFFICIALS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GUNDELACH AND ANTHONY (AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR TRADE AND RESOURCES) ON JULY 12, THEY WERE NOW SOMEWHAT MORE OPTIMISTIC WITH RESPECT TO BEEF. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIALS, GUNDELACH HINTED THAT THE EC MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER SOME SORT OF ACCESS COMMITMENT WITH A GROWTH FACTOR IN THE MTN. HOWEVER, HE GAVE NO DETAILS

AS TO WHAT SORT OF ARRANGEMENT WAS ENVISAGED. THE  
AUSTRALIANS FURTHER COMMENTED THAT COMMISSION OFFICIALS  
IN DG-I EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT GUNDELACH'S REMARKS AND SAID  
THEY WERE UNAWARE THAT ANY SUCH OFFER HAD BEEN CON-  
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